Quarrel between pilots and cabin crew

†1230. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a quarrel broke out on any matter among pilots and cabin crew of the plane number IC 884 enroute to Delhi from Sharjah on 3 October, 2009;

(b) if so, the details of the places of such quarrel and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether fighting took place among them which could have caused a major accident; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to prevent such incidents alongwith the action taken against the guilty in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against the concerned crew.

Warning signal equipment in Bell 430 helicopter

1231. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that warning signal equipment installed in Bell 430 helicopter carrying Chief Minister Andhra Pradesh and other failed after its crash;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these Choppers are used by elite personalities and VIPs;

(c) if so, the number of Bell 430 helicopters in operation in India;

(d) whether the effectiveness and proficiency of equipment installed therein have been verified after this accident; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The accident is under investigation.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Three Bell 430 helicopters are in operation in India.

(d) and (e) The accident is under investigation.

Losses of Air India and Indian Airlines

1232. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines are incurring losses for a long time; and

(b) the measures that have been undertaken to correct the ailment?

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